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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Most of my family live in towns without any telecom/internet-provider competition. And they are all regularly knifed in the back by their carriers, prices raised without reason, service never improving, the ration of quality to price getting worse and worse year by year --- sometimes month by month!

Luckily, I live in an area where I have access to three of the major behemoths that are monopolizing my family's towns, but also several smaller, local providers. These companies are offering me better service for less money and have improved my life immensely. I'm living in a Teddy Roosevelt world!

My provider, Sonic, built out its own fiber years after AT&T promised me fiber (they still don't have fiber in my neighborhood) and I made the switch. For roughly the same money, I have internet twenty times faster.

The idea that the FCC is considering policy that would destroy these nimble, small companies' ability to provide customers vastly superior service is embarrassing and anticompetitive. Do not do this.

May Teddy haunt your dreams until you kill the Big Companies' play to have you make their lives easier, the freaking vampires.

Much thanks,

Eric W Jepson